(b) The CBI has filed charge-sheets against 460 officials in the court of law.

National Highways in Bihar

†*436. SHRI LALU PRASAD:

SHRIVIJAY SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State of Bihar has sent a proposal for improving the condition of 1200 kms. of roads out of the new roads declared recently as National Highways;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Ministry to upgrade the same; and

(c) by when this work would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) Proposals for improvement of 1,064 km of new roads declared recently as National Highways have been received.

(b) and (c) Ordinarily, under National Highways (Original) works, proposals for an amount equal to two and half times the allocation are sanctioned, including the balance cost of works in progress. With an allocation of Rs. 52.00 crore for Bihar, the ceiling limit of sanctions is Rs. 130.00 crore during the current year. At present, the value of sanctioned works is Rs. 169.15 crore.

28 Nos. of works have been sanctioned for improvement of 247.58 km length, including bridges on newly declared National Highways for a total estimated cost of Rs. 57.41 crore. The works are targeted to be completed by March, 2004.

Arrears of sugarcane growers

† 437. SHRI MOTILALVORA:

SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 64 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th July, 2002 and state:

†Origina! notice of the question was received in Hindi.